



July 11, 2007
Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW Room: 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Docket Number#05-337

Dear Chairman Martin:

It has come to our attention that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. Please accept this letter as a clear opposition to this proposal. Although it may put a temporary, yet quick, band-aid on the deteriorating fund growth, the opposite effects are of a much greater concern for us rural Americans, not to mention a huge disservice. The desire for wireless services in the rural areas are for reasons of public safety, economic development, business and personal needs; all of which are equally important to rural consumers just as they are to urban. When Congress initially established the fund it was envisioning the many benefits it would produce, such as the Telecom-Act; a promise that rural America will have the same level of service found in urban America. It would be an injustice to be "punished" because of a geographical location and a burden to many consumers. It is crucial for victims of domestic violence to have the means to contact services to provide them with immediate help. For our clients, and those non-a like, we have a real need for wireless communications. Reliable wireless service can ultimately mean the difference between life and death. This is unacceptable, and an unnecessary risk for victims and the service providers that assist them.

I respectfully request the FCC to reject the proposed cap on USF funding for wireless service. The facts of how rural America needs these services are right in front of you. Please make the decision that will ultimately help save lives.

Sincerely,

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